



University of Montana Legislative News Service

School of Journalism

Missoula, MT

Partnership

Residential program in which two-three students live in Helena during the legislative session and produce written and broadcast reports for more than 250 outlets.

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Collaborators

The Montana Newspaper Association, the Greater Montana Foundation, and the Montana Broadcasters Association are all partners of the program as well as funders.

Impacts

More than 150 outlets use the material produced by the students.

Students

10,962 at the University of Montana

150 in the School of Journalism

2-3 in the partnership, per semester

Student work

Students are assigned stories in the beginning of the semester, but transition to coming up with their own ideas as the semester progresses.

Faculty/staff

The director of the program is responsible for editing all print and broadcast content created by the students. They are also responsible for managing relations with partner organizations and creating a survey to find out the kinds of stories they want to see over the course of the session.

Funding sources

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